(a) the reasons therefor;

(b) the number of workers rendered unemployed as a result thereof; and

(c) the details of the measures contemplated for providing gainful employment to the jobless youths; and to revive those closed units?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR): (a) to (c) As per the information received from the State Government of Rajasthan, the number of SSI units closed during the last three years is 2825, and the district-wise number is indicated in the enclosed Staement *{See* below), The main reasons of closure are inadequacy/shortage of working capital, fall in demand, changes in technology, shortage of raw materials, marketing problems, increase in competition, etc. It is estimated that about 22,700 workers have been rendered jobless due to these closures.

(d) The measures contemplated to provide gainful employment to the jobless youths consist of providing assistance for self-employment under various schemes such as the Prime Minister's Rozgar Yojana. The measures available for the revival of sick/closed units include institutional mechanism in the form of State-level Inter-Institutional Committees (SLIICs), Special Rehabilitation Cells in banks and State Financial Institutions, and eleborate guidelines issued by the RBI for extending rehabilitation assistance to eligible units. The RBI has also drawn up revised guidelines for rehabilitation of sick SSI units, which include *inter-alia* change in the definition of sick SSI units, norms for deciding on their viability, etc., which have been circulated to all the banks for implementation on 16th January, 2002.

Statement

District-wise number of SSI units closed during last three years i.e. from 1999-00, 2000-01 and 2001-02

SI. No.	Name of the District	No. of SSI Units Closed
1.	Jaipur Rural	216
2.	Jaipur Urban	428
3.	Ajmer	53